

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19 and 20 are amended and claims 24-26 are added.

In the Office Action, claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 9, 10, 17, 19 and 20 are revised to clarify the invention.

In the Office Action, the window 100 shown in Fig. 9 and the window 110 shown in Fig. 10 are considered as the first window and the second window recited in independent claims, respectively.

In this prior art, a user must click the button 102 on the window 100 to display the window 110. This means that the window 110 always follows the window 100. However, in the invention, the second window as shown in Fig. 5 is automatically displayed without displaying the first window as shown in Fig. 3, provided that the setting for starting program 13 has been made as disclosed on page 15, lines 14-21. In other words, the first window and the second window are independently displayed and used to set printing options.

Further, while different or separate items are set in window 100 and the window 110 in the prior art, common items like discharge tray positions are settable in the first window and the second window in the present invention.

The claim amendments clarify these distinctions. Because the AAPA fails to teach each and every feature of the independent claims, these claims and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated.

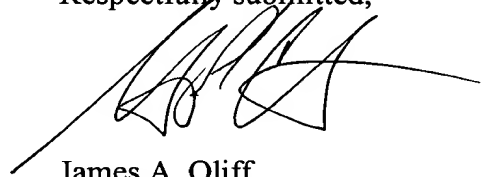
Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claims 24-26 are added. These claims are patentable for their dependence on allowable base claims and for the additional features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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